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there is competition because I think the businesses that get the benefit of tax exempt bonds have an unfair competitive advantage to those that have to finance their own business. But I think we are in an entirely different situation now. We are talking about nonprofit organizations and what you might say is we take some money out of the federal treasury and put it in the local hospital treasury of a nonprofit organization. I would urge you to adopt this amendment that would restrict it to equipment for a nonprofit organization.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Any discussion on the amendment to the amendment? Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Would Senator Remmers yield to a question, please.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Will you respond, Senator Remmers, please.

SENATOR REMMERS: Yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Senator Remmers, how many nonprofit hospitals are there in Nebraska?

SENATOR REMMERS: Oh, goodness, I don't know. I have the figure someplace...I can't tell you. There is a lot of them. Most of them are nonprofit. Most of the small hospitals across the State of Nebraska are nonprofit organizations. There is a new phenomenon, there are some hospitals for profit that are springing up around the country and, of course, those generally treat limited types of cases and I understand this is a new developing phenomenon that we have in this country, but in Nebraska most of the hospitals across the State of Nebraska in the small towns are nonprofit hospitals.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Senator.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Remmers, did you wish to close on your amendment to the amendment?

SENATOR REMMERS: No, I just urge that you support this amendment because if you have any objection to it, this certainly would improve the bill as far as those that are opposed to the bill anyway.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All those in favor of the Remmers amendment vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 14 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Remmers' amendment to the committee amendments.